Georgia Board of Massage Therapy Investigative Committee Meeting Open Session Minutes Via Zoom November 19, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Staff Present:

Craig Knowles, BAS, LMT, BCTMB, CNMT, Chair Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Vice Chair

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General Sandra Bailey, Assistant Attorney General Alexis Cromartie, Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, November 19, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pam Nichols and entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigative cases and to conduct investigative interviews as authorized by O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-2(h) and 43-11-47(h).

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Craig Knowles declared the meeting open pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. The Investigative Committee entered a unanimous vote to present the recommendations to the Board as indicated below.

Discussion Case:	Recommendation:
MT200156	Close the case, due to insufficient evidence.
MT200153	Table pending Board review.
MT210003	Close the case with a letter of concern regarding client consent BR 345-601(1)(e).
G.V.S.	Send letter of deficiency via certified mail. Must provide proof of completion of terms of criminal probation and certified copies of any treatment records.
MT220039	Approve Respondent 1 to take the MBLEx. Must take additional in-person, in class, supervised coursework and meet all other requirements before license can be issued. Refer to investigations to obtain additional documentation as discussed. Refer Respondent 2 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Public Consent Order with a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for violation of BR 345-801 Fine is to be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order.
MT180072	Notify the Respondent by certified mail of status of noncompliance with current Private Consent Order. If Respondent does not submit proof of compliance with the terms of the order within the specified timeframe, deny the license renewal and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure.
MT190039	Refer to investigations as discussed. Once received, schedule an Investigative Interview.
MT210049	Refer to investigations as discussed. If the Respondent does not

respond, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Cease and Desist

Order. Notify the Georgia Department of Public Health.

MT210109 Close the case.

MT210119 Refer Respondent 1 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for

aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with a fine of \$1000 and

investigative cost. Refer Respondents 2 and 3 to the

Attorney General's Office for a Cease and Desist Order. Schedule an

Investigative Interview with Respondent 4.

MT210126 Close the case, due to insufficient evidence.

MT210141 Close with a letter of concern regarding adverting violations [BR 345-

6-.01(2)(e)].

MT220033 Close the case.

MT220044 Refer to the New Jersey Board of Massage Therapy and close the case.

MT220050 Refer to investigations as discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by: Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

The meeting minutes were reviewed and edited by: Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director

The meeting minutes were approved on: December 3, 2021

CRAIG KNOWLES

Board President

ADRIENNE PRICE

Executive Director